

Minutes

Zoning Committee Meeting

**Wednesday, August 11, 2021
10:00am**

The York County Zoning Committee met on the above date at 10:00am., in the large conference Room at the Heckle Complex, 1070 Heckle Boulevard, Rock Hill, SC, with the following members present; Council member Allison Love and Council member Brandon Guffey. Also present were, County Manager, David Hudspeth, Assistant County Manager, Mike Moore, County Attorney, Michael Kendree and Clerk to Council, Karen Brogdon.

Summary and Actions:

The Committee held a follow up discussion regarding potential amendments to the animal code to allow backyard chickens.

The Committee reviewed the proposed modifications to Chapter 55: Animals of the York County Code of Ordinances. After discussions with Public Works staff, it became clear that it would be too difficult for Animal Control Officers to enforce the modifications if made in Chapter 55.

Staff determined that the appropriate place to make the following modifications would be in the Chapter 155: Zoning Code during the Zoning Code Rewrite:

- A. Chickens Allowed. In addition to the agricultural use of poultry allowed in Chapter 155: Zoning Code, chickens may be kept on residential properties with the following regulations:
 - a. Roosters: It shall be unlawful to keep a rooster, defined as a male chicken of at least 1 year of age;
 - b. Number: No more than six (6) chickens shall be allowed per lot
 - c. Enclosure
 - i. Chickens shall be provided with a covered, predator-proof coop or cage that is sufficiently ventilated and drained. The coop or cage shall allow for at least two square feet per chicken.
 - ii. Chickens shall have access to an outdoor enclosure that is fenced in a manner that contains the birds on the property and prevents predation.
 - iii. To prevent offensive odors or the attraction of nuisance animals, coops, cages, and outdoor enclosures shall be kept in a sanitary condition, including the removal of accumulated waste or excess feed.
 - d. Setbacks
 - i. Coops, cages, and outdoor enclosures shall not be located in a front yard.
 - ii. Coops, cages, and outdoor enclosures shall be located no closer than thirty (30) feet from any dwelling other than the owner's dwelling, and no closer than thirty (30) feet from a rear yard or side yard lot line.

e. Slaughter

- i. It shall be unlawful to slaughter or process a chicken outdoors.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Council member Brandon Guffey and seconded by Council member Allison Love. Meeting Adjourned